

Honorable Edward R. Hughes
Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Pursuant to the Bureau of the Budget Bulletin No. 55-5, the Central Intelligence Agency has carefully reviewed the report by the Commission on the Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government on Real Property Management dated June 1955, and submits the following comments on the recommendations which affect or are of interest to this Agency.

Under Section 102 of Public Law 253 and Section 7 of Public Law 110, the Director of Central Intelligence is personally charged with the responsibility for the protection of intelligence sources and methods. Compliance with the recommendations of the Commission on Real Property Management, and in particular Recommendations Nos. 3(c), 5(a)(1), 5(e), 7, 12(b), 12(e), and 13, would require full disclosure of the operation and management of classified properties of the Agency. As this would disclose classified information, the above-mentioned statutes do not permit compliance with the Commission's recommendations.

It has been and will continue to be Agency policy to adhere to all Government policies, rules, regulations, and practices with respect to normal Government operations. However, complying with the Commission's recommendations would not be possible under the security considerations essential to the carrying out of the operational responsibilities of this Agency.

Sincerely,

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CONCUR:

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